

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**May 22, 2006**

The State Ethics Commission has unanimously voted Mr. Rick A. Thompson to serve as the Executive Secretary to the Commission pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6 (a) (4), effective May 18, 2006.

Since January 2006, he has functioned as the *Interim Executive Secretary*. Prior to January, he served as the Deputy Director/Senior Compliance Analyst for the agency.

From 1994 – 2004, Mr. Thompson was employed by the Missouri Ethics Commission as the Senior Reporting Analyst.

Mr. Thompson is a former Marine, honorably discharged. He has a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelors Degree in History/Government. He is continuing his education and expects to successfully complete his studies in June 2010, at which time he will be awarded a Doctor of Philosophy Degree.

He is a member in good standing of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL), National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), Associate of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), and the Marine Corps League.